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The biaxial orientation in the present invention is sequential biaxial orientation that an unstretched sheet is preheated and stretched in a longitudinal direction and then in a transverse direction, or simultaneous biaxial orientation that an unstretched sheet is stretched in longitudinal and transverse directions simultaneously. Particularly in the case of sequential biaxial orientation, various known stretching methods, for example, a stretching method proposed by JP-A 54-8672 and JP-A 5-177702 may be advantageously employed. For example, an unstretched sheet is heated and stretched in a longitudinal direction repeatedly at multiple sections to a total draw ratio of 2 to 10 times and then in a transverse direction to a total draw ratio of 2 to 10 times during the step of stretching in the longitudinal direction at multiple sections and/or after the step of stretching in the longitudinal direction to achieve a total draw ratio in the both directions of 4 to 50 times, preferably 9 to 40 times, particularly preferably 12 to 30 times.